



3rd Annual Winter Welcome *Saturday, December 5*

December 2, 2015 – The Mansfield Downtown Partnership invites Mansfield residents and visitors to usher in the new season at the Third Annual Winter Welcome on Saturday, December 5 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Winter Welcome will take place on and around the Mansfield Town Square.

A variety of activities are planned to celebrate the new season. Mansfield Senior Chorus members, the UConn Marching Band Tubas, and the E. O. Smith High School Chamber Singers will stroll through Storrs Center providing music for visitors. Participating businesses will have open houses, treats, and other specials. Visit www.mansfieldct.gov/winterwelcome for a list of participating businesses and their special offerings.

On the Town Square, UConn Dining Services will carve ice sculptures while Keifer's Kettle Korn will be popping fresh corn for purchase. They will be joined by Storrs Farmers Market vendor Not Only Juice, who will have healthy treats and handmade gifts available for purchase, and by the newest shop in Storrs Center, BLiSS, who will have a selection of gifts for purchase to give a taste of what can be found in their location at 34 Wilbur Cross Way.

Visitors can get creative with The Flower Pot, who will have a wreath-decorating activity on the Town Square from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Pre-registration is requested; register by emailing storrsflowerpot@aol.com. Wreaths are \$25, with an \$18 wreath available for children.

The Ballard Institute and Museum of Puppetry presents a marvelous confection of friendship, invention, and adventure! There will be two performances of Lollipops for Breakfast at 1:00 PM and at 3:00 PM. Tickets: Adults: \$10; Students: \$7; Kids: \$5. For more information, visit bimp.uconn.edu.

At 2:00 PM, look for the Mountain Dairy milk truck traveling on Storrs Road from Town Hall to Town Square with a special guest aboard! Santa Claus will visit with friends from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the UConn Co-op Bookstore at Storrs Center.

Stop by the Storrs Regional FFA's Christmas Tree Sale during Winter Welcome to pick up a tree. This annual sale raises money to support Storrs Regional FFA activities, including leadership and career training and to help pay for students to attend workshops, competitions, and the FFA National Convention. The sale will be open from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM on the front lawn of E. O. Smith High School, right across the street from the Town Square.

At 4:00 PM, join the E. O. Smith High School Chamber Singers on the Town Square for a performance and community sing-along. All are welcome to help close the festivities on a high note!

Winter Welcome is presented by the Mansfield Downtown Partnership and is free and open to the public. The event will take place rain, snow, or shine.

For more information, please visit www.mansfieldct.gov/downtownpartnership.